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The Church of the Holy Trinity

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A Message from Our Rector, *Fr. Kevin M. Cross*



Baptism



Fleischer Academy
Boating Trip



The Women of Holy Trinity
Annual Meeting & Luncheon - Parish Hall
Monday, September 15, 10:30-1:00 PM

Allocate funds to charities. Mingle. Have Fun!

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CHEERS and APPRECIATION

- Thank you to all who helped with making the concerts in July such outstanding successes. Both were graced by superb musicianship and great fellowship.
- The July 14th concert with world renowned pianist Yury Shadrin and Tian Lu packed the hall with appreciative listeners as Yury and Tian made our Steinway sing gloriously.
- The July performances by students from the Leon Fleischer Academy Summer Program astounded and delighted all.
- Special thanks to **Captains Hunt Hendrickson and Ray Stevens** for taking the students out on an exciting tour of the bay with Lilly yelling, "Faster! Faster!"
- Thank you to **Margo & Mike McConnell and Betty Anderson** for keeping the kids safe with their loans of life jackets.
- A great sense of gratitude to **Cora, Yury and Tian** for making all this happen.
- Thank you to our staff **Cora Bruner and Connie Greenhawk**. You are marvelous. We couldn't do it without you!
- Thank you to our **Roadies** for their ever willingness to help us adjust our hall setups for reception and concerts. We could not do all of this without you!
- Thank you to all of our Fellowship Hosts in July **Art & Pam Dent, Sandy Wrightson Margaret Munsch, Sandy & Ron Kaufman, Margo, Mike and Maggie McConnell and Anne and Tom DeMarco**.
- Thank you to our July **Acolytes** with much gratitude to **Jospeh Callhan** who jumped right in to serve as an acolyte for the first time this month. Joseph, you are a start!
- Thanks for our **Readers, Users and Greeters, Altar Guild and Flower Guild members and our Holy Trinity Choir** who make our services a time of inspiration and joy.
- Thank you to our **Mission Food Relief** teams: **the Souper men and women, the meal delivery teams, the School Food Program and Food Pantry** liaisons.
- Thank you to all the members and visitors of Holy Trinity. You are the messengers of God.

As you can tell it takes a Village.

Blessings. Fr. Kevin

Connie's Corner



"Be yourself; everyone else is already taken."

— *Oscar Wilde*

"Fairy tales are more than true: not because they tell us that dragons exist, but because they tell us that dragons can be beaten."— *Neil Gaiman*

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift of God, which is why we call it the present."— *Bill Keane*

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who'll decide where to go..."— *Dr. Seuss*

"Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself."— *George Bernard Shaw*

"It's no use going back to yesterday, because I was a different person then."— *Lewis Carroll*

"You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope someday you'll join us. And the world will live as one."

— *John Lennon*

Does God have a plan for you
Absolutely! Just like He does for me too
Although you might not think it is clear
God placed it in your heart so it is very dear
It is realized in the things you do each day
As in the joy you bring to someone, like a sunlit ray
He set the path a long time ago
He created you so to others you may show
The words and actions that He did walk
Never faltering, always preaching with every talk
So this is your path, your destiny, your plan
To teach His ways, to talk His talk, because He
knows you can.

"Written by Connie Greenhawk

If you would like to submit a favorite saying or thought,
email to Connie at office@holytrinityoxfordmd.org

See Back of Calendar for
2025 Committees

Rector Time Away in August

Fr. Kevin will be away on vacation from July 31st through August 23rd. During his absence supply clergy will be conducting our services. On August 17th Deacon Michael Valiant will conduct a Deacon's Mass at our 8 and 10 am services. Michael grew up in Oxford and is on track for ordination to the holy priesthood late this year. If any needs arise during the week, please call the parish office, 410-226-5134. The phone will be actively monitored each day, and a member of our Vestry will respond with the appropriate assistance.

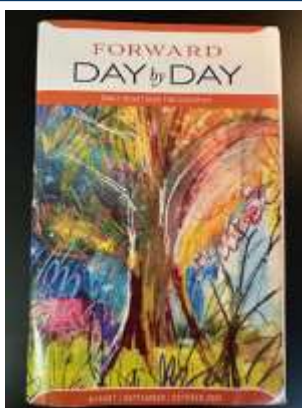
Blessings. Fr. Kevin

Sabbath Reflections

God's version of rest? It's not productivity in disguise. It's not something you earn. God's rest says: *You are loved before you've done anything at all. You can stop. You are allowed to stop.* Wouldn't it be lovely if rest weren't simply optional but mandatory? That's what the Christian tradition has always understood. After creating the entire universe, God took a break.

God. Took. A. Break.

God called it the Sabbath and declared it holy, set apart, necessary.



Forward Day by Day

Many of you enjoy starting your day with a meditation from the devotional Forward Day by Day. We have received our order of booklets for August/September/October in regular and large print editions. You may pick up a copy at church or from the reception table in the River Room.

July Milestones

Marriage

Julie Thatcher & Dylan Beveridge, 6/6/2025

Carolyn Handlon & Randy Scanton, 6/15/2025

Baptism:

Lucille James Mathias Brian 7/27/2025

Passed on

Susan Deerin

Gerry Cooper

Mary Ann Hensinger

Bruce Marchewka

Bonnie Taylor



MISSION SECTION

Inquiring Believers Men's Bible Study Begins September 15

The Inquiring Believers Men's Bible Study will begin its 2025-26 study year on Monday, September 15th at 5:00 PM in the Holy Trinity Parish Hall. Continuing our study of early Christianity, we will begin the year by reading and discussing Professor Elaine Pagels' new book, *Miracles and Wonder: The Historical Mystery of Jesus*, which is available from Amazon and other vendors. On the 15th we'll discuss Pagels' first chapter, which deals with the virgin birth. Pagels is Harrington Spear Paine Professor Emerita of Religion at Princeton University.

Our gatherings are marked by friendly social interaction and the sharing of ideas and opinions through lively discussion. We often try to look at current events through the lens of a Believer. As always, we are happy to welcome new members. If you would like to join in, please contact Bob Kelly at kellyrf@lemoyne.edu or Dave Poe at davidrussellpoe@gmail.com.

WOMAN ON A JOURNEY

Woman on a Journey will start up in September.



Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King, a worldwide order of women dedicated to prayer and service. Our next Daughters of the King Meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 9th, 2025 at 10:00am in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend.

The Altar Guild

Do you know who we are and what we do? We are four teams of dedicated women and men serving once a month to prepare for each service. We care for the chalices and other vessels, and the linens. We set up for every service and clean up afterwards. We change the hangings to coordinate with the seasons and various special occasions like weddings, baptisms and funerals. We polish silver and brass. We are responsible for the Advent wreath. We work closely with Fr. Kevin who lets us know of special services. We would welcome anyone who might want to know more about our service to the church. The work is easy to learn and we have fun doing it together. Please call Ginny Wagner, 703-969-5396, to find out more about us. We are looking for new members.

THE HOLY TRINITY CARD MINISTRY NEEDS MEMBERS

At one time or another, you may have received a "Get Well", a "Thinking of You", or a bereavement card from the Congregation of The Church of the Holy Trinity. This results from the caring, kind-hearted individuals of The Holy Trinity Card Ministry. Each member is responsible for one month of the year and the card writing process takes about an hour. That's only one hour to bring an often-needed kind word to your fellow parishioners!

Over the years, many of our members have moved away or have had to step away from this ministry for various reasons. This leaves us with seven people who are still active.

Do you enjoy sending greetings out to your friends and family? This ministry warms the hearts of its members. Would you consider becoming a member and taking a month? Please remember that when it's your month, you'll only need to spend about an hour writing out cards to our church members who are on the church prayer list (approximately 10-15 cards.)

Please contact Sharon Paz for further information: justsha33@gmail.com



Co-Treasurer Sought for Women of Holy Trinity Events!

Dear Women & Men of Holy Trinity,

Do you have a head for figures, a knowledge of spreadsheets, and an interest in helping us manage income and expenses for the funds we raise for local charities? If so, the Women of Holy Trinity welcome your help! **All payments and receipts are now processed through the church office**, and our Vestry Treasurer, Holy Trinity Office Manager, and fellow Co-Treasurer will be ready resources for learning the ropes. The work is seasonal, with the annual Christmas Market and Plant Sale being our primary events, and we are rotating volunteers to ensure that no one needs to serve longer than they wish.

Want to learn more? Please email or call Sandy Kaufman at sandykaufman1@aol.com or 410-458-2113 for a brief overview. **ALL** interested parties with these basic skills are invited to discuss this opportunity!



The Women of Holy Trinity are Invited to Propose Local Charities for Annual Giving

In preparation for its annual meeting and luncheon on **Monday, September 15**, the Women of Holy Trinity – **of which ALL women of Holy Trinity are a part** - are invited to attend, and to propose local charities for this year's annual giving. Awards are typically between \$500 - \$1,250.00 and are intended for those charities who either do not have strong funding sources or whose annual funding requirements require broad funding support.

Proposals can be emailed to Sandy Kaufman at sandykaufman1@aol.com and should include the following information **for sharing with all meeting attendees**:

Name of Local Charity (Must be a 501(c) 3 Charity registered with the IRS) :

Mission & Description of the Organization:

Amount Requested:

Other Funding Sources:

Why Funds Are Needed and How They Will Be Used:

For details about the meeting and luncheon, please look for the invitation printed in this edition of Lifeline, and also being sent via U.S. Mail.

Mission**Sunday School**

New markers and glue sticks are ready to go, and best of all we have Linda Wilson, our crafts guru, joining Veronica Wainwright and Barbara Cross teaching Sunday School this year! Watch for the next issue of the Lifeline for updated info! Backpack blessing for ALL ages will be happening in September,



SAVE THE DATE!

Thank You Oxford Party

Monday, September 8th

at 5 pm

On Monday, September 8 at 5 pm, Holy Trinity will hold our ninth annual Thank You Oxford event by hosting a time of fellowship, barbecue, and music to thank all the folks who make our community a "little piece of heaven."

All Oxford town employees and volunteers as well as those who provide services to this town are invited to attend and enjoy a fun evening on the Tred Avon. This is also a great parish summertime social on the back lawn of the rectory enjoying the beauty of our grounds and marvelous community.

Music will be by the great Jenz Frenz band

Invitations to our guests will be sent out shortly and a sign-up list for parishioners will be posted in the River Room in the next few weeks. Our guests attend for free. We ask our parishioners for a free will donation but most of all we want everyone to come and have a good time. Let's have a great Celebration!

Music

Music News

Upcoming Service Musicians

August 17	8 & 10 a.m. Melissa Wise 10 a.m. Melissa Wise & Dan Wright, Duets
August 24	10 a.m. The Delmarva Trio
August 31	10 a.m. Dennise Nathanson

Concert Article

July brought our community the opportunity to hear two very well attended concerts from The Leon Fleisher Academy. The Leon Fleisher Academy is a music school offering young musicians, beginners to advanced levels, an in-depth study of music: performance, music history, music theory, composition, and chamber music. What sets this music academy apart from others is the focus on how musical elements relate to each other so the performer has a better understanding of the composer and his/her composition. The teaching is based on the great pianists and pedagogues Artur Schnabel and Leon Fleisher. During the summer, students come from all over the world to have an immersive two week music study with leading teachers, performers, prize winners, orchestra soloists, composers, and chamber musicians from around the world.

July 10th was the first concert, an all-Chopin concert by Artistic Director Yury Shadrin and Co-Artistic Director Tian Lu. Three shorter compositions opened by concert followed by the extremely difficult Sonata No. 3 before concluding with a set of shorter pieces. Pianists consider Sonata No. 3 to be Chopin's most challenging composition, expressively and technically. 30 minutes in length, no less! Tian Lu shared an amazing performance of a piece few pianists can begin to attempt to perform. Each time we are blessed to have Tian and Yury perform in our Hall, we are in awe of their musicianship, how the pieces are brought to life, and the sheer beauty of the music..

Six students earned the privilege of coming for a special Oxford outing on Sunday, *July 20th*. We arranged for an hour boat ride (compliments of Ray Stevens and Hunt Henrickson), lunch, and a little relaxation time before an afternoon concert. Kai Kobori Huang opened the concert with two dazzling harpsichord pieces by Rameau. The technical intricacies of these pieces were not a problem for this young teenager! John Samuell (pianist), Anthony Huang (cellist) and Leona Shadrin (violinist) formed a piano trio sharing Handel's Trio in G Major. If one were listening and not looking, you would have thought these were college musicians not under the age of 14. Anthony just completed elementary school a few weeks ago! Gregory Cheong played a virtuosic Beethoven piano sonata - beginning very simply and erupting into all kinds of pianistic gymnastics! Greg is studying at the USC Thornton School of Music (Los Angeles) with the most prominent piano teachers in the United States. Mingze Li, who has been with us previously, dazzled the audience with selections from Stravinsky's *Petrushka*. The 20th century modern sounds (dissonance) took a back seat to the brilliance and amazing technical feats Mingze overcame to perform this piece. What an outstanding performance by a 15 yr old pianist! The concert ended with two beautiful Faure piano duets. Tian Lu and Yury Shadrin took the bench to share an absolutely beautiful Lullaby followed by a Spanish influenced piece. This afternoon was a true testament to the teachings and music sharings of musicians associated with Leon Fleisher, in one form or another.

Holy Trinity is extremely blessed to be able to have these musicians in our midst sharing themselves and their music. We thank you for supporting these students and pianists through your attendance and donations.



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MISSION

The Church of The Holy Trinity, an Episcopal Parish in Oxford, Maryland: a caring Christian community dedicated to growing in God's love through worship, study, service and fellowship.

Who We Are

We are a small parish with a big heart comprised of committed people willingly sharing their talents to help those in need.

We are all seekers on a spiritual journey; encouraging of others also on the journey, and non-judgmental of where one might be on that journey.



Service Schedule is as follows:

**Sunday Holy Eucharist Services are held
 8:00 am and 10:00 am. On the first
 Sunday of every month a combined service
 at 9:30 am. All services are in-
 person and broadcast**